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TOWN OFFICERS—1889-90.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS, *Chairman.*
R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Secretary.* STILLMAN M. PRATT.

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

HARLEY PRENTISS.

School Committee.

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*, - -	Term expires,	1891
WARREN E. EATON, - - - -	" "	1891
WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*, - -	" "	1890
HORACE G. WADLIN, - - - -	" "	1890
EDWARD F. PARKER, - - - -	" "	1892
CYRUS M. BARROWS, - - - -	" "	1892

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL W. BOWKER, *Secretary*, - -	Term expires,	1892
CHARLES A. WESTON, *Chairman*, - -	" "	1891
HENRY S. LaCLAIR, - - - -	" "	1890

Constables.

HENRY STOCK. CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

Trustees of the Public Library.

HORACE G. WADLIN,	Term expires,	1892
STEPHEN FOSTER, (deceased).		
CHARLES D. THOMAS,	" "	1891
HARLEY PRENTISS,	" "	1891
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	" "	1890
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	" "	1890

Trustees of the Cemetery.

ALDEN BATCHELDER,	Term expires,	1892
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	" "	1892
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, *Secretary*,	" "	1891
OREN N. JONES,	" "	1891
FRANCIS O. DEWEY, *Chairman*,	" "	1890
EDWARD APPLETON,	" "	1890

Auditors.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
HARRY P. BOSSON. EDGAR M. HUNT.

Board of Registrars.

JAMES REID, *Clerk.*
JOHN G. ROBERTS. HENRY ROBINSON.
HENRY E. HOLDEN.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief.* WILLIAM L. CROWE.
WENDELL BANCROFT. WILMOT K. PRATT.

Police.

HENRY STOCK. CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.
CALVIN L. MARTIN. EPHRAIM WIGHT.

Night Watchmen.

HENRY STOCK. CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

FRANK W. PARKER.

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 5	Mary Emily Turner,	F	Adolphe and Sadie,	Laborer.
" 14	Margaret Riley,	F	Patrick and Margaret A.,	Section hand R. Rd.
" 16	Eva Isabel Eibel,	F	Adolph F. and Nellie G.,	Hard rubber turner.
" 27	Sybil Marion White,	F	Eugene G. and Susannah E.,	Barber.
" 28	James Herman Horton,	M	James A. and Mary P.,	Inventor.
Feb. 6	Catharine Dorothy Galvin,	F	James and Lizzie,	Rubber worker.
" 9	John Harry Draper,	M	Isaac and Elizabeth E.,	Farmer.
" 18	Merrill,	M	Edwin E. and Anna M.,	Machinist.
" 23	Helen Edith Stewart,	F	Spencer G. and Ella,	Carpenter.
March 3	Guy Carleton Howe, } twins,	M	James C. and Blanche,	Engineer.
" 3	Roy Newell Howe,	M	" " " "	"
" 3	William Doucett,	M	Jeremiah and Julia,	Laborer.
" 4	Isaac Clark Cheney,	M	Charles M. and Emma M.,	Carpenter.
" 6	Lealia Ada Jones,	F	Jacob Dexter and Julia Etta,	Gate tender R. Rd.
" 9	Martin Patrick Devanney,	M	Matthew and Rose Ann,	Section hand R. Rd.
" 11	Mary Silena Doucett,	F	Henry and Monique,	Laborer.
April 1	Charles Jacobs Parker,	M	George W. and Jennie L.,	Traveling salesman.
" 3	Arthur William Bolton,	M	Frederick and Alice,	Organpipe maker.
" 13	Will Rich Milbury,	M	William O. and Edith B.,	Pyrotechnist.
" 14	Joseph Francis Quinlan	M	Michael S. and Mary E.,	Furniture finisher.
" 21	White,	M	Richard A. and Flora H.,	Livery stable keeper.
" 24	Jessie Louisa Nichols,	F	Amos C. and Dora,	Driver.
" 27	Grace Clark Mansfield,	F	Ward C. and Sadie M.,	Cashier.
" 30	James Alfred Doucett,	M	James A. and Betsey,	Laborer.
May 7	Percival Edward Fairbanks,	M	Charles E. and Mary E.,	Salesman.
" 13	Elmer Ross Batchelder,	M	Howard W. and Orissa J.,	Farmer.
" 22	John James O'Brien,	M	John Joseph and Mary Eliz'th,	Veneer dryer.
" 27	Jennie Francis Parker,	F	Chester A. and Laura B.,	Locomotive engineer.
" 27	Daniel Canty,	M	Daniel T. and Mary A.,	Cabinet maker.
" 28	Ruth Peabody,	F	Dean and Sarah M.,	Salesman.
June 5	Mary Murray,	F	John and Mary,	Laborer.
" 8	Francis Johnson,	M	Edwin Francis and Hattie L.,	Accountant.
" 15	Samuel Thomas Black,	M	William J. and Maggie J.,	Junk dealer.
" 18	Edith Madeline Fielding,	F	Lister and Addie Evelyn,	Laborer,
" 20	Walter Dulong,	M	Raymond and Jane,	Reed worker.
July 1	George Edgar Dulong,	M	Jno. Reuben and Mary Eliz'th,	Laborer.
" 11	Edgar Norman Hunt,	M	Edgar Noble and Francis A.,	Book-keeper.
" 24	Annie Clare Killam,	F	Phineas S. and Florence E.,	Cabinet maker.
Aug. 2	Chester Howard Akerly,	M	Oliver L. and Susan J.,	Machinist.
" 3	Margaret Veronica Hurley,	F	George P. and Alice M.,	Carpenter.
" 10	Nelson Raymond Weston,	M	John N. and Annie C.,	Glass cutter.
" 29	Wallace Watson Hawkes,	M	John W. and Mary Jane,	Milk dealer.
Sept. 2	Morton Leroy Lovejoy	M	Eugene Leroy and Lizzie A.,	Merchant.
" 12	William James Akerman,	M	Ralph Leslie and Louisa,	Rubber business.
" 21	Hugh Leonard Eames,	M	Leonard T. and Emily M.,	Mechanic.
Oct. 5	Arthur Pratt Allen,	M	Charles H. and Hattie B.,	Commercial salesman.
" 7	Evans,	M	Thomas and Mary Ann,	Tinsmith.
" 8	Elsie Smith,	F	Stephen and Jennie,	House painter.
" 9	Peter Benedict Bennett,	M	Samuel and Jane,	Stone mason.
" 11	Elsie Amelia Nichols,	F	Albion G. and Jessie B.,	Farmer.
" 19	David Edward Barr,	M	Allen J. and Susan K.,	Fireman.
Nov. 2	Honora Cullinane,	F	Thomas and Catharine,	Section hand R. Rd.
" 11	Florence Anna Eaton,	F	Frank P. and Hannah J.,	Fireman.
" 13	Assunta Michelini,	F	Anthony and Annie,	Fruit dealer.
" 23	Simon Arthur White, } twins,	M	Joshua and Mary Ann,	Stone mason.
" 23	George Albert White,	M	" " " "	" "
Dec. 2	Ella Louise Wall, } twins,	F	Edward T. and Lizzie A.,	Baggage master.
" 2	Margueretta Wall,	F	" " " " "	" "
" 8	Jennie May Hannaford,	F	Warren T. and Margaret S.,	House painter.
" 14	Leo Joseph Burgoyne,	M	John J. and Ella J.,	Tinsmith.
" 19	Colin Balmain Robertson,	M	James and Isabella H.,	Machinist.

OMITTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
1881, Apr. 27	Bernard Eben Cheney,	M	Charles M. and Emma M.,	Baggage master.
1882, Nov. 9	Marion Addie Howes,	F	Andrew N. and Lillian F.,	Book-keeper.
1887, June 7	Charles Mervin Cheney,	M	Charles M. and Emma M.,	Salesman.
1888, Dec. 1	Euley May Wilkinson,	F	George W. and Jennie M.,	Brass finisher.

Whole number births registered in 1889, 65. Males, 39; Females, 26.
Nativity of parents.—American Fathers, 36; Foreign, 26. American Mothers, 35; Foreign, 27.
Three births twins.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATIONS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 28	Anthony Michelini,	30	Fruit dealer,	Italy,	Dominico and Assunta,	Rev. J. M. Mulcahy, Franklin.
	Annie Fiorani,	22	At home,	Italy,	Raphael and Santina,	
Feb. 7	George H. Porter,	50	Farmer,	Reading,	George W. and Emily B.,	Rev. Henry P. Hall, 100 Blue Hill ave.
	Eliza A. White,	54	At home,	Bedford,	Albert and Dorothy,	
" 14	Arthur H. Cook,	21	Brakeman,	North Reading,	Augustine P. and Emma H.,	Rev. G. A. Cleveland.
	Annie A. Murray,	21	Machine stitcher,	Reading,	John and Helena,	
" 17	Francis W. Doucett,	26	Carpenter,	Nova Scotia,	Frank and Catherine,	D. H. Reardon, Wakefield.
	Annie Dowd,	23	Domestic,	Ireland,	Thomas and Mary,	
" 20	Richard Robinson,	70	Farmer,	Troy, N. Y.,	John and Mary,	James Reid, J. P., Reading.
	Margaret (Wood) Reed,	46	At home,	New York City, N. Y.,	James and Marcella,	
" 21	Elmer Ellsworth Prince,	27	Baker,	Lisbon Falls, Me.,	Jeremiah and Dorcas,	Rev. D. C. Stevens.
	Alice C. Little,	31	Nurse,	Woodstock, N. B.,	Amos and Sarah,	
" 26	Owen McKenney,	27	Brush maker,	Reading,	Owen and Bridget,	Rev. Frank J. Ryan.
	Maggie E. Kelley,	21	At home,	Everett,	Michael and Margaret,	
Mar. 23	William Salisbury,	23	Rubber mixer,	Preston, Eng.,	John and Catherine,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
	Mary McClenaghan,	28	Housekeeper,	Ireland,	John and Agnes,	
Apr. 6	Jay Edgar Williams,	20	Advertising,	Biddeford, Me.,	Jeremiah B. and Mary E.	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
	Hattie Symmes La Clair,	19	Necktie maker,	Reading,	William and Mary H.,	
May 20	Howell C. Russell,	32	Merchant,	Portsmouth, N. H.	Sampson L. and Catherine,	Rev, Frank S. Adams.
	Ida Marion Jones,	28	At home,	North Reading,	Osmond R. and Sarah H.,	
" 23	Thomas Turner,	24	Section hand, R. R,	Ireland,	Thomas and Mary,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield
	Mary Thornton,	25	Domestic,	Ireland,	John and Annie,	
June 1	William Viner,	51	Organ pipe maker,	England,	William L. and Emma D.,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
	Jane Bolton,	42	At home,	England,	Henry and Sarah,	
" 3	Arthur E. Davis,	30	Loco. fireman,	Oxford,	Russell A. and Mary E.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Mabel G. Willis,	20	At home,	Gorham, N. H.,	Octavus N. and Martha B.	
" 5	Samuel W. Bowker,	35	Contractor,	Mt. Desert, Me.,	Samuel and Elizabeth,	Rev. Samuel Bowker.
	Imogene A. Moulton,	35	Housekeeper,	Reading,	Amos and Mary G.,	
" 6	Thomas Roby Hill,	25	Salesman,	Cambridge,	Thomas and Ann,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Jennie Netterville Monroe,	28	At home,	Charlestown,	Edwin P. and Harriet,	
" 17	Herbert L. McKay,	21	Grocer,	Reading,	James and Susan,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Grace Sidelinker,	20	Box maker,	Wilmington,	George W. and Mary,	
" 18	Jacob Woodward Manning,	23	Nurseryman,	Reading,	Jacob W. and Lydia B.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Florence F. Nason,	22	At home,	Exeter, N. H.,	John Fairfield and Ellen Maria,	
" 19	Charles M. Danforth,	25	Book-keeper,	Reading,	Charles H. and Sarah F.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Nellie Brown,	25	At home,	Reading,	David P. and Harriet A.,	
" 26	Lawrence G. Duley,	22	Shoe man'f'r,	North Reading.	Lawrence and Almeda E.,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
	Rosetta H. Wier,	19	At home,	Lowell,	Benjamin and Minnie E.,	
" 26	Francis J. Clark,	26	Baggage master,	Reading,	Francis and Bridget,	Rev. D. J. O'Farrell.
	Emma L. Elsesser,	24	At home,	Boston,	John and Catherine,	
" 27	Charles Douglass Wells,	28	Horse-shoer,	Bristol, N. B.,	John S. and Susan E.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Mabel Gertrude Flint,	19	At home,	Milford, N. H.,	Charles E. and Mary J.,	
July 8	Quincy Cushing Bird,	31	Machinist,	East Bridgewater,	Cushing and Sarah J.,	Rev. D. C. Stevens.
	Emma Frances Berry,	19	School teacher,	Reading,	Daniel W. and Eliza A.,	
" 9	Dennis Doucett,	22	Stone layer,	Nova Scotia,	Casimir and Mary,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield
	Margaret Matilda Doucett,	16	At home,	Wakefield,	John S, and Margaret,	

July	11	Boardman P. Shute,	40	Shoemaker,	Lynnfield,	Jonathan B. and Abigail S.,	Erdix T. Swift, J. P.
		Clara A. (Houseman) Miller	39	Housekeeper,	New York City, N. Y.	John M. and Rosetta,	
"	11	William F. Nichols,	31	Teaching,	Reading,	Daniel and Nancy O.,	Rev. E. P. Blodgett,
		Lizzie A. Robinson,	28	Teaching,	Hardwick,	E. Willis and Susanna,	Greenwich.
"	16	Walter Gerritson,	28	Watch factory,	Reading,	Henry C. and Maria,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
		Hattie Maria Chase,	25	Music teacher,	Great Falls, N. H.,	Charles M. and Martha P.,	
Sept.	2	Herbert Warren Hodgeman	28	Carpenter,	Lyndeborough, N. H.,	Samuel and Mary J.,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
		Alice G. Nason,	32	Domestic,	Boston,	Levi and Elizabeth,	
"	4	Burton C. Rich,	26	Iceman,	Chicopee Falls,	Charles A. and Laura A.,	Rev. H. C. McDougall,
		Nellie M. Lovewell,	19	At home,	Rockland,	James and Sarah,	Rockland.
"	7	Richard I. Hallett,	23	McKay stitcher,	New Brunswick,	Elijah and Lucie,	Rev. J. H. Hoffman.
		E. Kate Knight,	22	Dress maker,	Hancock, N. H.,	Henry and Ellen B.,	
"	11	William J. Allen,	21	Clerk,	North Reading,	Samuel O. and Elizabeth B.,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham.
		Sophia F. Krook,	20	Book-keeper,	Reading,	Lambertus W. and Sophia,	
"	12	Lucius Morris Beebe,	28	Book-keeper,	Baltimore, Md.,	Lucius M. and Henrietta F.,	Rev. D. C. Stevens.
		Helen Ida Ruggles,	30		Reading,	Ira W. and Caroline J.,	
"	14	C. J. G. E. Herbolzheimer,	26	Shoemaker,	Germany,	Peter and Barbara,	James Reid, J. P.
		Pauline Cauter,	29	Housewife,	Germany,	Herz and Julia,	
"	22	John J. Shannon,	30	Stable hand,	Walpole,	Jeremiah and Mary,	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Malden.
		Harriet F. McBride,	25		Chicago, Ill.,	Hugh and Catherine,	
Oct.	13	Edward O. Poland,	41	Capt. Fire Co.	Winchendon,	Osborn R. and Sarah F.,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
		Mary J. (Thompson) Fellows	39		Charlottetown, P. E. I.,	William B. and Isabella.	
"	23	Arthur Everett Roberts,	28	Book-keeper,	Charlestown,	Jacob W. and Sophronia P.,	Rev. A. G. Bale, Melrose.
		Clara Augusta Norris,	27	At home,	Charlestown,	Edward John and Clarissa,	
Nov.	11	Fred M. Temple,	22	Salesman,	Reading,	William H. and Ruth A.,	Rev. N. C. Alger, Chatham.
		Flora M. Tripp,	23	At home,	Chatham,	Godfrey and Cynthia A. S.,	
"	14	Alonzo C. Blethen,	63	Dentist,	Dover, Me.,	Jonathan and Mary,	Rev. J. W. Winkley.
		Frances Parker Shute,	40	Housekeeper,	Lynnfield,	Jonathan and Abigail,	
"	16	George Crowther,	35	Painter,	London, Eng.,	William and Catherine,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
		Mary Hubbly.	28	Domestic,	Bridgewater, N. S.,	John and Mary,	
"	19	Edward H. Forbes,	22	Contractor,	Reading,	Michael and Mary,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield
		Fannie M. Downs,	22	At home,	Boston,	Patrick and Margaret.	
"	23	Orrin W. Cunningham,	48	Farmer,	Belfast, Me.,	Orrin and Lucinda,	Rev. M. J. Savage.
		Ida M. (Nichols) Lyman,	42	Housekeeper,	Lowell,	Jacob and Almira A.,	
"	27	Augustus Surette,	31	Carpenter,	Nova Scotia,	John B. and Frances,	Rev. J. E. Millerick, Wakefield
		Louise Muse,	17	At home,	Nova Scotia,	Simon and Annie C.,	
Dec.	3	Arthur S. Tuttle,	30	Provision dealer,	Saugus,	Andrew J. and Lucy B.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Susan R. Nichols,	24	At home,	Reading,	J. Brooks and Caroline E.,	
"	20	Orrin A. Cummings,	28	Farmer,	Windham, N. H.,	John A. and Ellen T.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
		Cora A. Putney,	21	Domestic,	Bradford, N. H.,	Mason and Betsey F.,	
"	24	John A. Burgess,	33	Teamster,	Dedham,	Charles A. and Emily C.,	Christopher R. Elliot,
		Julia A. Mitchell,	19	At home,	Boston,	Warren and Mary,	Dorchester
"	24	Charles C. Frost,	61	Carpenter,	Reading,	Benjamin and Sarah,	Rev. O. T. Walker.
		Delia C. (Higgins) Smith,	49	Housekeeper,	Washington Co., Me.,	Charles and Ruth.	
		Omitted in 1888.					
Dec.	8	Freeland E. Stackpole,	21	Shoemaker,	South Berwick, Me.,	Edward L. and Mary J.,	Rev. J. M. Wyman,
		Alice E. Nief,	18	Rubber coat mak'r	Boston,	John C. and Rosa.	Roslindale.
"	30	Thomas H. Barrett,	25	Machinist,	Reading,	Patrick and Hannah,	Rev. J. M. Donovan,
		Mary E. Miles,	23	At home,	Charlestown,	Thomas and Margaret,	Charlestown.

Whole number of marriages, 47. Nativity of persons married: American, Males, 36; Females, 37; Foreign, Males, 11; Females 10.

First marriage of 38 males and 40 females. Second marriage of 8 males and 5 females. Third marriage of 1 male and 2 females.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBANDS.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 9	Gardner French,	77	11	26	Hosley and Rebecca,	Heart disease.
" 10	Henry Damon,	73	11	21	Oliver and Sally,	Gangrene.
" 12	Sarah L. Brown,	76	9	21	William and Sarah,	Stricture of bowels.
" 15	Elizabeth A. Dewey,	63	7	11	John and Betsey,	Pneumonia.
" 17	John R. Dennett,	69	11	10	Ephraim and Abigail,	Heart disease.
" 17	Sylvester Phelps,	81	6	13	Joshua and Nancy,	Apoplexy.
" 21	Luther Weston,	83	1	7	Ephraim and Molly,	Old age.
" 25	Gilman C. Gleason,	79	2	20	Joseph and Lucy,	Paralysis.
" 27	Mary E. Parker,	52	10	9	David and Mary N.,	Bright's disease.
" 29	Thomas Leon Muse,		1	29	John and Sylvia,	Pneumonia.
" 30	Sarah G. Temple.	83	2	4	John and Lydia,	Gastric fever.
Feb. 18	Merrill,			1	Edwin E. and Annie M.	Premature birth.
" 26	Frank W. Gilmore,	15	5	26	James W. and Maria,	Acute Bright's disease.
Mar. 5	Daniel B. Lovejoy,	71	2	24	Bodwell and Sally,	Pneumonia.
" 13	Francis Forbes,	37	2		Michael and Mary,	Heart disease.
" 14	Luther Hutchins,	73	10		Joseph and Hannah,	Apoplexy.
" 17	Mollie C. Atwood,	20	7		Benjamin Y. and Mary,	Cerebral embolism.
" 17	Annie Enos,		4	6	Antoine and Annie,	Bronchitis.
" 26	George G. Pearsons,	25	10	28	S. G. Bradley and Hepsibeth,	Heart disease.
Apr. 11	Sarah D Butman,	81	3	3	Asa and Elizabeth,	Heart disease.
" 13	Abigail Buxton,	84	10	7	Parker and Abigail,	Bronchitis.
" 14	John N. Nichols,	63	9	10	Richard and Clarissa,	Pneumonia.
" 16	Edwin C. Dyer,	1			Horace E. and Mary L.,	Tubercular meningitis.
" 21	White,				Richard A. and Flora H.,	Stillborn.
" 22	Ira C. Gray,	59	6	30	Ira and Harriet,	Erysipelas.
" 23	Mary Dulong,	24		23	Veitoll and Maggie,	Consumption.
" 26	Mary N. Sweetser,	84	7		John and Mary,	Old age.
" 27	Albert F. Converse,	56	2	25	Eben and Sabra,	Apoplexy.
" 28	Jeremiah Delay,	75			Michael and Mary,	Pneumonia.
" 29	Hattie C. Eaton,	24	11		Osgood and Lucy A.,	Suicide.
May 4	Charles W. Perkins,	71	11	14	Warren and Lucinda,	Malignant cancer.
" 11	Anton Neixras,	35				Railroad accident.
" 24	H. Walter Brown,	40		4	Newell and Mary J.,	Asthma and bronchitis.
" 28	George W. Porter,	25	3	15	John C. and Jane D.,	Consumption.
" 30	Helen L. Harrington,	53	8	30	William and Helen L.,	Pneumonia.
June 5	James M. Eames,	70	8		Benjamin and Hannah,	Consumption.
" 8	Martha Bezanson,	78	8		Thomas and Phebe,	Debility.
" 9	James Gartland,	30			Michael and Mary,	Railroad accident.
" 12	Ruby W. Carter,		7	21	Willis M. and Hattie L.,	Cerebro spinal meningitis.
July 16	Edward Barnard,	51	10	20	Edward and Margaret,	Consumption.
" 26	David F. Weston,	74	9	26	David and Lucinda,	Anæmia.
Aug. 4	John Watson,	72	10		Elix and Rosanna,	Rheumatic carditis.
" 19	Chester H. Akerley,			17	Oliver L. and Susan J.,	Marasmus.
" 21	William Mears,	57	10	23	Zebediah and Sarah,	Degeneration of heart.
" 28	Ellen M. Gray,	53	9	18	Samuel and Miranda,	Disease of heart and kidneys.
" 29	Jane W. Pratt,	64	6	27	Benjamin and Hannah,	Railroad accident.
Sept. 1	Susan R. McKay,	53	11	4	Charles and Elizabeth,	Cancer of lungs.
" 3	Henry A. Brown, M. D.,	34	5	13	Rufus H. and Harriet W.,	Pulmonary phthisis.
" 4	Andrew J. Bowman		9	27	Joseph W. and Margaret,	Cholera infantum.
" 7	Percival E. Fairbanks,		4		Charles E. and Mary,	Diarrhœa.
" 10	Mary Ella Nichols,	27	2	9	William H. and Ruth A.,	Consumption and cong. of lungs.
" 14	Mary A. Blanchard,	64	4	15	Walter C.,	Paralysis.
" 26	Ellen F. Tufts,	61	7	7	Asa A. and Hannah P.,	Heart failure.
Oct. 8	Sophia R. Crowe,	52			Thomas and Mary,	Consumption.
" 8	Emma F. Pitman,	39			Lyman and Mary,	Hemorrhage.
" 10	Charles Ernest Warren,	1	10	10	Charles E. and Isabel,	Teething and meningitis.
" 21	James Smith,	65	5		Abraham and Alice,	Bronchitis, with cancer of hand.
" 23	William Proctor,	63			Richard and Hannah,	Myelitis.
" 26	Esther R. Batchelder,	59	6		John and Deborah,	Pneumonia.
" 30	Stephen Foster,	80	10	22	Davis and Mary,	Paralysis.
Nov. 1	George Ballard,	71	2	3	George B. and Eliza,	Marasmus.
" 17	James W. Roberts,	64	5	5	James W. and Martha,	Pernicious anæmia.
" 26	Estella M. Parker,	11	6	21	Warren and Mary,	Consumption.
" 26	John E. Walker,	27		18	John and Annie,	Dropsy of chest.
" 28	Rosamond C. Davis,	76	4	5	Sewell and Deborah,	Abdominal tumor.
Dec. 1	Harriet W. Pratt,	83	9	20	Eliphalet and Esther,	Senile atrophy.
" 13	Frederic N. Temple,	49	10	23	William and Mary C.,	Creeping paralysis.
" 23	Mary E. Coney,	58	10	6	James and Sybil,	Pneumonia.
1886.	Omitted in previous years.					
Jan. 27	Capt. Josiah Coburn,	73	7	9	Josiah,	Cancer.

Whole number of deaths registered, 69. Males, 43; Females, 26; Nativity, American, — Males, 37; Females, 23; Foreign, — Males, 5; Females, 4.

Ages:—80 to 90, 8; 70 to 80, 14; 60 to 70, 9; 50 to 60, 11; 40 to 50, 2; 30 to 40, 5; 20 to 30, 7; 10 to 20, 2; 1 to 10, 2; less than one year, 8; stillborn, 1.

Dogs Licensed for the Year 1889.

Whole number of licenses issued.....		211
One hundred and ninety-two for males, at $2.....	$384 00	
Nineteen for females, at $5	95 00	
	$479 00	
Less fees for 211 licenses, at 20 cents.....	42 20	
		$436 80
1889, June 3d, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treas.,	$207 60	
" Dec. 2d, " " " " "	229 20	
		$436 80

JAMES REID, *Town Clerk.*

Reading, March 1st, 1890.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

ALMSHOUSE.

INMATES.

Cleveland B. Holt	Aged 90 years.
Jonathan Pratt	" 80 "
David F. Weston, died July 26	" 76 "
Alpheus Austin	" 70 "
Thornton D. Sanborn	" 64 "
James Hunter	" 46 "
Henry W. Weston	" 41 "
Abigail P. Beers, admitted May 7, died Jan. 13	" 69 "

RECEIVED.

Catherine O'Keefe, board	$144 00		
George Beasley, Keeper, lighting street lights	294 00		
Same produce	101 55		
Same wood furnished outside Poor	42 48		
Same meals and lodgings	21 50		
Same cow sold	20 00		
Same distributing annual reports	8 00		
Same removing snow	3 00		
		$634	53

EXPENDED.

George Beasley, Keeper	$500	00
George W. Atkinson, groceries	222	56
M. A. Stone, groceries	168	13
Mary F. Riordan, labor	130	00
Samuel A. Clough, provisions	121	19
John H. Simpson, groceries	87	87
David C. Temple, repairing buildings	67	50
Calvin L. Martin, coal	61	25
Greenleaf S. Tukey, pump and piping	37	73
Amount carried forward,	$1396	23

Amount brought forward,	$1396 23
Paul R. Eames, provisions	34 58
Francis Bartley, clothing	34 25
William Hawes, fish	29 37
R. Dexter Temple, funeral expenses of Abigail P. Beers	27 00
C. D. Cobb Bro., groceries	22 40
James W. Roberts & Co., groceries	21 75
Francis F. Brown, medical attendance	20 75
Mrs. H. L. Day, crackers	19 54
Ellenwood & Robertson, labor and material	18 44
Moses E. Nichols, labor and material	17 56
Emily Ruggles, dry goods	17 17
Reading Ice Company, ice	17 55
Wendell Bancroft, lumber	15 98
R. Dexter Temple, wood and windows	14 00
M. Hanley, furniture	11 88
Charles Wakefield, wood	11 25
T. Littlefield, labor and material	11 05
W. H. Willis, medicine	10 15
Lewis R. Speare, two swine	10 00
N. W. Broad, labor and material	9 87
George H. Prescott, groceries	8 91
H. K. Austin, labor	8 40
C. A. Wells, horse shoeing	7 02
George W. Hunt, standing wood	6 25
Robert P. Burgess, labor and material	6 00
Charles G. Rogers, labor and material	5 58
Howard W. Batchelder, cutting wood	5 00
Dominique Doucett, stone work	4 50
Trustees of Cemetery, standing wood	4 25
John A. Blunt, iron work	3 25
John O. Dow, medical attendance	3 25
Samuel Brown, wood work	2 75
J. H. Hannaford, medical attendance	1 50
Amount carried forward,	$1837 43

Amount brought forward,	$1837 43	
Noble Bunker, cutting wood	2 00	
Webster Eames, cutting wood	2 00	
John Holman & Co., mill work	75	
W. G. White, expressing	15	
Sundry bills	39 73	
Boots, shoes, and repairing	23 95	
Medicine	15 60	
Standing grass	10 50	
Butter	9 72	
Total amount expended	$1941 83	
Total amount received	634 53	
Net expense at Almshouse		$1307 30

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

John Owens, nursing		$441 16
Thomas A. Evans, groceries	$84 00	
Same wood and coal	34 14	
		118 14
Lucy J. Freeman, telegraphing	$ 50	
Same board	63 00	
Same nursing	5 00	
Same medicine and medical attendance,	5 00	
Same clothing	9 75	
Same funeral expenses	21 50	
		104 75
Mary A. Blanchard, rent	$35 00	
Same funeral expenses	27 50	
Same medical attendance	27 75	
Same wood and coal	25 38	
Same provisions	14 50	
Same medicine	2 95	
Same groceries	1 00	
		134 08
Amount carried forward,		$798 13

Amount brought forward,		$798 13
Louisa R. Parker, supplies	$78 00	
Same wood	6 00	
		84 00
Caroline Weichman, rent		70 00
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, rent		24 00
Marcella Wood, rent		24 00
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, wood and coal		25 25
Mrs. Benjamin Weston, supplies	$53 00	
Same coal	16 88	
Same wood	5 10	
		74 98
James Sullivan, supplies	$2 24	
Same wood	3 38	
Same coal	13 50	
		19 12
William Blanchard, medicine and medical attendance		6 50
George H. Daland, fuel	$8 07	
Same provisions	2 00	
		10 07
George O. Kelley, funeral expenses of child		5 15
Horace W. Blanchard, medicine		75
		$1141 95

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Danvers, William A. Flint, board		$171 21
" Maggie Whelton, board		182 01
Worcester, Henry C. Buck, board		71 04
Northampton, Abigail P. Beers, board	$68 15	
" " " " transfer from hospital to Almshouse	8 98	
		77 13
		$501 39

TRAMPS.

George H. Prescott, crackers	$8 94	
M. A. Stone, crackers	8 31	
W. G. White, expressing	25	
		$17 50

Number of tramps cared for at station, 514.

Appropriation	$2700 00
Sale of John R. Dennett estate	429 00
	$3129 00
Total expense of poor	2968 14
Unexpended	$160 86

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Mrs. Charles H. Leland, Sherburne	$36 00	
George F. Hubbard, Cambridge	34 96	
Thomas Welch, Wakefield	2 00	
Benjamin F. Wood, Woburn	1 79	
		$74 75

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF STATE PAUPERS.

Simon Dulong, rent	$4 00	
Same nursing	25 59	
		$29 59
Joseph Pittier, medical attendance		13 75

RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

Luella R. Lloyd	$12 00	
Charles Hadley	3 38	
		$15 38
Received on account of State		162 07

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery and tin ware	$357 68	
Beds and bedding	214 00	
Provisions	139 20	
Farming tools	155 00	
Two cows	75 00	
English hay	60 00	
Stove and hollow ware	72 00	
Harnesses	50 00	
Express wagon	50 00	
Manure	50 00	
Wood and coal in shed	68 00	
Cord wood	60 00	
Horse	40 00	
Farm wagon	40 00	
Horse cart	35 00	
Fowls	15 75	
Meadow hay	10 00	
Pigs	15 00	
Stone wagon	15 00	
Horse sled	12 00	
Mowing machine	10 00	
Sleigh	10 00	
Grain	7 00	
		$1560 63
Town farm and buildings		$5600 00
Personal property at town farm		1560 63
		$7160 63

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,
STILLMAN M. PRATT,
} Overseers of the Poor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN TOWN, MAY 1, 1889.

Real estate	$2,402,984 00	
Personal estate	227,843 00	
		$2,630,827 00
Whole number of polls, 959, at $2.00		$1,918 00
Tax for State, County, and Town purposes, including overlayings		$45,710 40
On real estate	$40,010 21	
On personal estate	3,782 19	
On polls	1,918 00	
		$45,710 40

Rate of taxation, $16.60 per $1,000.

Number of horses	386
" " cows	359
" " neat cattle	51
" " swine	64
" " sheep	3
" " dwelling houses	824
" " acres of land	5,738
Total value of real estate, 1889	$2,402,984 00
" " " " " 1888	2,312,383 00
Increase for 1889	$90,601 00
Total value of personal estate, 1888	$243,017 00
" " " " " 1889	227,843 00
Decrease for 1889	$15,174 00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,
STILLMAN M. PRATT,
} Assessors of Reading.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Horace L. Cummings, to April 1st, 1889.....	$75 00	
Same on account of 1889 and 1890,	300 00	
		$375 00
R. Dexter Temple, to April 1st, 1889.....	$50 00	
Same to March 1st, 1890.....	250 00	
		300 00
Stillman M. Pratt, to April 1st, 1889.....	$50 00	
Same to March 1st, 1890.....	250 00	
		300 00
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, to March 1st, 1890,	$200 00	
Same Collector, to March 1st, 1890..	125 00	
Same School Committee, to March 1st, 1890	50 00	
Same Expenses.....	10 70	
		385 70
Harley Prentiss, Collector, on account of 1888	$50 00	
" " " " " " 1889 and 1890	200 00	
		250 00
James Reid, Town Clerk, to March 1st, 1890.....	$50 00	
Same Clerk of Board of Registrars, to March 1st, 1890	40 00	
		90 00
Walter S. Parker, School Committee, to March 1st, 1890		65 00
Gilman L. Parker, School Committee, to March 1st, 1890		50 00
Horace G. Wadlin, School Committee, 1889, and to March 1st, 1890.....		100 00
Amount carried forward,		$1915 70

Amount brought forward,		$1915 70
Cyrus M. Barrows, School Committee, 1889.....		50 00
Warren E. Eaton, School Committee, to March 1st, 1890.....		50 00
Henry E. Holden, Registrar.....		30 00
Henry Robinson, "		30 00
John G. Roberts, "		30 00
Clarence J. Nichols, Constable.....		10 50
Henry Stock, "		10 00
James H. Griggs, Moderator.....		15 00
Lewis M. Bancroft, Auditor.....		10 00
Harry P. Bosson, " 1889.....		10 00
A. Newell Howes " 1889.....		10 00
		$2171 20

POLICE.

Appropriation.....		$200 00
Henry Stock, services.....	$17 38	
Clarence J. Nichols, services.....	12 00	
Ephraim Wight, special	5 00	
Webster Eames, special	5 00	
Willard A. Bancroft, special.....	5 00	
Edwin Bassett, special	5 00	
William L. Crowe, special	5 00	
William LaClair, special.....	5 00	
Lafayette Ford, special.....	5 00	
Walter B. Mears, meals for prisoners.....	3 25	
William H. Mears, meals for prisoners.....	2 00	
		$69 63
Unexpended		130 37
		$200 00

CARE OF OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation.....		$50 00
Edwin Bassett.....	$50 00	

PRINTING.

Appropriation		$225 00
C. M. Barrows & Co.	$120 00	
W. H. Twombly & Son	74 88	
Pratt Bros.	4 25	
Samuel G. Stiles	2 00	
		$201 13
Unexpended		23 87
		$225 00

NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation		$1500 00
Henry Stock	$714 00	
Clarence J. Nichols	624 00	
Ephraim Wight	2 50	
		$1340 50
Unexpended		159 50
		$1500 00

ALMSHOUSE BARN CELLAR.

Appropriation		$600 00
Dominique Doucett, labor, self, and men	$228 47	
David C. Temple, labor, men, self and material	219 13	
William A. Smith, moving barn	80 00	
T. R. Newhall, granite underpinning	38 70	
N. W. Broad, labor and material	27 19	
Samuel Bowker, labor	3 00	
William W. Davis, leveling	2 50	
John Holman & Co., milling	25	
		599 24
Unexpended		76
		$600 00
William A. Smith, moving carriage house		$20 00

INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT.

Appropriation		$1500 00
Received from Blackstone National Bank, interest on deposits,		136 60
		$1636 60
L. W. Piper, Secretary	$800 00	
Warren Institution for Savings	259 30	
George A. Marden, State Treasurer	300 00	
Oren N. Jones, Trust Fund	53 50	
Mrs. Mary Stimpson	20 00	
		$1432 80
Unexpended		203 80
		$1636 60

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation		$1000 00
George Beasley, lighting street lights	$295 00	
Citizen's Gas Light Co., gas	179 41	
Warren Parker, lighting street lights	60 40	
F. O. Dewey & Co., lamps and chimneys	54 40	
George W. Atkinson, oil	48 35	
Wheeler Reflector Co., oil and chimneys	29 11	
William Hazen Bancroft, repairs	9 09	
B. B. Burbank, labor and material	4 55	
John Holman & Co., turning lamp posts	2 25	
W. G. White, expressing	1 15	
John A. Blunt, labor	50	
		$684 21
Unexpended		315 79
		$1000 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation		$200 00
Law and Order League	$24 96	
Ephraim Wight, services	16 20	
		$41 16
Unexpended		158 84
		$200 00

CEMETERY.

Appropriation	$1000 00	
Received on account of sales of lots	571 00	
Standing wood sold	104 76	
Cut wood and posts	21 37	
Use of hearse	2 00	
		$1699 13
Oren N. Jones, labor	$452 86	
Charles C. Dike, concreting	155 55	
Noble Bunker, labor	109 20	
William Frost, labor	97 80	
Dominique Doucett, stone work	87 65	
W. J. Jones, granite for new tomb	74 63	
Michael Hennesey, labor	79 80	
Edmund Buxton, labor	15 30	
Ivory Sanborn, labor	36 23	
Samuel W. Bowker, teaming granite	10 00	
Webster Eames, labor	14 25	
Manuel Perry, labor	6 75	
William W. Davis, surveying	8 00	
Milton D. Parker, gravel	6 36	
O. O. Ordway, labor	2 50	
Cyrus K. Littlefield, labor	1 00	
G. S. Tukey, repairing pump	1 00	
William B. Jeffrey, labor	50	
R. Dexter Temple, paid for clearing snow	1 00	
Same " auction bills	2 00	
Same " posting bills	1 00	
Same " labor, lotting wood	50	
Same " services as auctioneer	2 00	
Same " tools furnished	3 00	
		$1168 88
Unexpended		530 25
		$1699 13
Cemetery land not lotted, about two acres, and unsold lots		$2700 00
Hearse		600 00
		$3300 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation		$1200 00
John D. DeRonde	$72 00	
John Owens	72 00	
Charles B. Leathe	72 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Mary McAlister	48 00	
Helen James	48 00	
Eliza Hobbs	48 00	
Sarah Hetler	48 00	
Harriet C. Robinson	48 00	
Samuel S. Crouch	48 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Marcella Wood	48 00	
Seth Bessey	47 00	
Edgar Damon	36 00	
William Mears	34 50	
Mary A. Blanchard	26 00	
Noble Bunker	24 00	
Mary Bunker	24 00	
Ellen Damon	24 00	
Lambertus W. Krook	24 00	
Dorcas Berry	23 00	
Merrill Hutchinson	3 00	
To be reimbursed by the State	———	$1009 50
Military aid to be reimbursed one-half by the State:		
Thomas A. Evans		184 00
		$1193 50
Unexpended		6 50
		$1200 00

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation		$150 00
Horace E. Eames, Quartermaster	$150 00	

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation		$75 00
Henry Stock, janitor	$12 00	
Fred W. Barry, order book and paper	8 85	
Citizen's Gas Light Co., gas	8 55	
M. R. Warren, stationery	8 00	
W. I. Ruggles, postage stamps	3 25	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing	1 50	
		$42 15
Unexpended		32 85
		$75 00

PUMP AT WESTON'S SQUARE.

Appropriation		$35 00
Greenleaf S. Tukey, pump and labor	$22 19	
Unexpended	12 81	
		$35 00

COLE CASE.

Appropriation		$4500 00
Solon Bancroft, legal expenses and costs	$4442 14	
Charles H. Davis, travelling expenses of jury and sheriff	23 00	
		$4465 14
Unexpended		34 86
		$4500 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation	$350 00	
Lockup fees	3 00	
Auctioneer's licenses	2 00	
Licenses from Town Clerk	50	
		$355 50

James Reid, recording births, marriages and deaths,	$71 45	
Henry Stock, lockup keeper, care of flag, etc.....	33 00	
Wendell Bancroft, watering troughs and repairs..	24 76	
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing warrants.....	24 50	
Charles H. Davis, services as Deputy Sheriff	22 67	
R. Dexter Temple, returning deaths, etc.	20 50	
Stillman E. Parker, census of school children.....	18 00	
S. G. Robinson, printing list of poll tax payers....	15 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing	14 00	
N. W. Broad, labor and material for fence.....	10 66	
Dr. F. F. Brown, returning births.....	9 00	
Solon Bancroft, legal services on by-laws.....	5 50	
Dr. John O. Dow, reporting births.....	5 50	
Greenleaf S. Tukey, repairs on pump.....	3 00	
H. G. Wadlin, type writing on water supply.....	5 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, teller.....	3 00	
Thomas Groom, paper.....	3 00	
W. G. White, expressing.....	2 35	
Beal & Clement, expressing.....	1 05	
Cyrus K. Littlefield, labor	50	
		$292 44
Unexpended		63 06
		$355 50

TOWN MEETINGS.

Lyceum Hall.....	$100 00	
John Holman & Co., voting booths.....	26 95	
Walter M. Scott, election officer.....	9 00	
John D. Canty, election officer.....	6 00	
Ephraim Wight, election officer.....	6 00	
Frederick Bancroft, election officer.....	6 00	
William L. Crowe, election officer.....	3 00	
James Dewhurst, election officer	3 00	
Henry S. LaClair, election officer	3 00	
James H. Griggs, election officer.....	3 00	
L. M. Spencer, rubber stamps.....	1 50	
Henry Stock, sundries.....	91	
W. M. Titus, labor.....	60	
		$168 96

We herewith present for your consideration the following list of appropriations for the ensuing year:

Salaries of Town Officers	$2500 00
Poor out of Almshouse	1800 00
Poor at Almshouse	1200 00
State Aid	1200 00
Street Lights	900 00
Miscellaneous	500 00
Abatement of Taxes	300 00
Printing	225 00
Town Office	75 00

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,
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} Selectmen of Reading.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT AND REPORT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation		$3700 00
Mineral street bridge		150 00
		$3850 00
Henry Doucett, labor	$7 95	
John Cerney, labor	39 45	
Elizabeth Cushing, gravel	4 32	
Timothy Riordan, labor	115 67	
James Ward, labor	133 40	
John Logan, labor	20 97	
David Doucett labor	123 45	
Hiram Litchfield, labor	91 95	
Frank P. Eaton, labor	155 66	
Antonio Enos, labor	90 22	
John Flakes, labor	60 56	
Joseph Williams, labor	97 82	
O. A. Swain, labor	60 38	
W. A. Bancroft, labor	34 80	
P. Burns, labor	107 46	
Henry F. Bunker, labor	128 29	
James Marvin, labor	74 21	
Frank Castine, labor	107 80	
Dennis Doucett, labor	8 25	
Ira Gadbois labor	41 13	
Alexandra Dulong, labor	41 70	
Webster Eames, labor	27 00	
C. W. Flint, gravel	82 80	
W. D. Emerson, labor	18 60	
Amount carried forward,	$1673 84	

Amount brought forward,	$1673 84
Simon Dulong, labor	39 37
William Marvin, labor	42 18
Ellenwood & Robertson, stock and labor	4 95
James Kelley, labor	25 50
Ferdinand Chisholm, labor	66 85
American Powder Co., dynamite, etc.	8 85
James Cronin, labor	4 50
George D. Putnam, labor	6 90
Sylvan Muse, labor	15 00
Henry F. Parker, man and team	27 00
Charles C. Green, self and team	12 00
Simon Margison, labor	7 00
Simon Muse, labor	4 50
N. C. Flanders, self and team	55 80
Thomas Horn, labor	9 82
M. Forbes & Son, men and teams	165 98
Charles Nichols, labor	1 50
Henry S. LaClair, self and team	158 25
William J. Lawn, labor	18 20
Oren N. Jones, labor	1 20
Adelbert Batchelder, labor	34 50
A. W. Carr, tools	80
Emerson Smith, labor	1 75
Alfred G. Carter	67
Parker Nichols	9 00
E. M. Remmick, gravel	9 78
S. W. Bowker, self, men, and teams	458 71
Beals & Clement, expressing	1 00
John G. Hutchinson, self and team	11 00
W. H. Bancroft, stock and labor	3 50
M. C. Barbrick, man and team	3 00
N. W. C. Carter	9 72
Howard W. Batchelder	3 75
Samuel Brown, team	21 00
Amount carried forward,	$2917 37

Amount brought forward,	$2917 37
Charles Wakefield, labor	5 00
Arthur G. Emerson, self and team	59 98
Cornelius A. Canty, gravel	2 52
Amos Damon 2d, labor	102 72
R. C. Totten, labor on tools	7 13
John A. Boyd, granite	50
G. D. Kingman, gravel	2 00
Milton D. Parker, gravel	25 20
Edward E. Nichols	4 50
J. C. Johnson	6 18
M. A. Stone	30
N. Crafts, gravel	1 50
Wendell Bancroft, stock and labor	51 50
James S. Wyatt, labor	3 50
James Wilkins, labor	46 90
Osgood & Hart, grate and frame	11 00
Solon Bancroft, gravel	1 38
Frederick Bancroft, gravel	1 50
John A. Blunt, labor and tools	20 60
G. W. Atkinson, gravel	26 58
Jesse Pendergrace, gravel	5 70
Oscar Foote, gravel	63 30
C. A. Weston, self and team	138 00
P. Burns, labor, Mineral street bridge	9 63
Charles N. Bancroft, labor	2 00
Hiram Litchfield, labor	3 75
T. R. Newhall, stone	55 43
Timothy Canty, post	1 00
N. C. Flanders, self and team	7 50
D. Doucett, self and men	211 28
Amos Damon 2d, labor	3 50
M. Forbes & Son, man and team	6 30
Wendell Bancroft, stock	6 07
Merrill Hutchinson, labor	50
Amount carried forward,	$3811 82

Amount brought forward,	$3811 82	
David C. Temple, labor	1 50	
Samuel Brown, stock	20	
C. A. Weston, self and team	36 40	
		$3849 92
Unexpended		8
		$3850 00

PEARL STREET.

Appropriation		$50 00
James Ward, labor	$11 20	
David Doucett, labor	3 00	
Simon Dulong, labor	3 50	
Alexandra Dulong, labor	6 00	
S. W. Bowker, self, men, and teams	19 25	
George Beasley, gravel	7 50	
	$50 45	
Overdrawn		45
		$50 45

CHARLES STREET.

Appropriation		$250 00
Timothy Riordan, labor	$35 18	
Henry Gorus, labor	31 15	
M. C. Barbrick, labor	3 25	
Wendell Bancroft, stock	9 84	
Frank Castine, labor	41 30	
James Wilkins, labor	27 48	
A. J. Smith, labor	1 00	
Henry F. Barker, labor	2 10	
A. G. Carter, posts	9 67	
Charles Wakefield, labor	4 00	
H. S. LaClair, self and team	77 76	
		$242 73
Unexpended		7 27
		$250 00

SUMMER AVENUE AND BROOKS STREET.

Appropriation		$1000 00
Jesse Smith, labor	$26 40	
George W. Putnam, oil stove and labor	4 75	
Asa Parker, man and team	42 60	
O. A. Swain, labor	45 67	
Eastman Austin, labor	6 00	
S. W. Bowker, man and team	2 50	
C. A. Weston, self and team	162 50	
Dominique Doucett, self and men	153 62	
Charles C. Green, self and team	52 20	
Amos Damon 2d, labor	71 92	
R. C. Totten, labor	3 86	
James R. Weeks, self and team	3 83	
Patrick Burns, labor	70 00	
Henry Doucett, labor	49 50	
Newell C. Flanders, self and team	102 00	
Hiram Litchfield, labor	57 30	
Zeba Lampro, labor	59 15	
Simon Dulong, labor	58 63	
T. B. Black, moving wall	10 50	
		$982 93
Unexpended		17 07
		$1000 00

WOBURN STREET GUTTER.

Appropriation		$125 00
Charles C. Dyke, concrete	$78 85	
T. R. Newhall, stone	2 50	
S. W. Bowker, men and teams	24 91	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	25	
Osgood & Hart, grate and frame	11 00	
D. Doucett, labor	18 02	
Wendell Bancroft, pipe	10 80	
Milton D. Parker, gravel	96	
	$147 29	
Overdrawn		22 29
		$147 29

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

Appropriation		$200 00
Signs	$3 00	
O. A. Swain, labor	3 33	
S. W. Bowker, stone and labor	3 90	
Frank Castine, labor	1 76	
C. C. Dyke, concrete	73 80	
Patrick Burns, labor	5 25	
Dominique Doucett, labor	19 45	
Milton D. Parker, gravel	48	
Wendell Bancroft, labor	50	
C. A. Weston, labor	13 00	
H. S. LaClair, self and team	1 75	
		$126 22
Unexpended		73 78
		$200 00

WASHINGTON AND ASH STEETS.

Appropriation		$600 00
Frank Castine, labor	$47 25	
Samuel Brown, team	28 50	
James Wilkins, labor	4 37	
Thomas Horn, labor	13 50	
Henry Gorus, labor	25 37	
Boston and Maine R. R., freight	83	
Timothy Riordan, labor	10 50	
Henry F. Barker, labor	31 04	
S. W. Bowker, teams	28 50	
Zeba Lampro, labor	2 63	
D. Doucett, labor	87 05	
Hiram Litchfield, labor	1 50	
G. W. Atkinson, gravel	25 68	
Osgood & Hart, grates, etc.	44 00	
W. W. Davis, surveying	1 00	
Amount carried forward,	$351 72	

Amount brought forward,	$351 72	
Wendell Bancroft, pipe	138 36	
James A. Bancroft, surveying	2 00	
H. S. La Clair, self and team	82 40	
Patrick Burns, labor	2 63	
Milton D. Parker, gravel	1 74	
T. R. Newhall, stone	15 27	
M. A. Stone, oil	63	
J. K. Foss, stone	3 00	
C. A. Weston	3 00	
	$600 75	
Overdrawn		75
		$600 75

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

Appropriation	$500 00	
Received of John A. Roberts	40 22	
" St. Agnes Church	44 45	
" Joseph Spokesfield	20 75	
" Ephraim Wight	19 15	
" Jason W. Richardson	17 58	
" Oscar Foote	33 50	
" Baptist Church	122 58	
" Wm. H. Mears	31 50	
" C. H. Swain and others on Main street	75 00	
" D. Doucett	1 00	
" T. R. Newhall	4 00	
		$909 73
Paid Charles C. Dyke	$455 61	
T. R. Newhall	256 51	
D. Doucett	66 55	
		$778 67
Unexpended		131 06
		$909 73

CROSS WALKS ON LINDEN AND WOBURN STREETS.

Appropriation		$50 00
Charles C. Dyke	$59 50	
Overdrawn		9 50
		$59 50

CROSS WALKS ON WASHINGTON AND ARLINGTON STREETS.

Appropriation		$50 00
Charles C. Dyke	$32 45	
Unexpended	17 55	
		$50 00

SALEM STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation		$100 00
Charles C. Dyke	$85 10	
Unexpended	14 90	
		$100 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation		$350 00
Henry S. LaClair	$9 25	
C. S. Johnson	6 42	
Stillman M. Pratt	6 92	
C. A. Weston	8 90	
S. W. Bowker	22 50	
Edward E. Nichols	3 00	
Samuel Brown	3 15	
Wendell Bancroft	5 50	
M. Forbes & Son	9 50	
George Beasley	3 00	
		$78 14
Unexpended		271 86
		$350 00

PRESCOTT STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation		$250 00
Amos Damon 2d, labor	$20 13	
Patrick Burns, labor	32 38	
John Flukes, labor	18 39	
O. A. Swain, labor	6 65	
W. A. Bancroft, team	8 70	
James Marrain, labor	1 75	
C. A. Weston, self and team	50 20	
Hiram Litchfield, labor	22 20	
C. W. Flint, gravel	16 92	
M. C. Barbrick, labor	3 00	
S. W. Bowker, stone and labor	8 40	
M. Forbes & Son, labor	62	
D. Doucett, labor	25 45	
		$214 79
Unexpended		35 21
		$250 00

INCIDENTAL HIGHWAY.

Appropriation		$300 00
Dodge, Haley & Co., tools	$16 33	
Frank Clarke	2 00	
G. W. Atkinson, tools	1 95	
Hiram Litchfield, labor	17 55	
W. W. Davis, surveying	4 00	
Susan Holt	1 20	
T. R. Newhall, stone	13 60	
D. Doucett, labor	46 71	
Patrick Burns, labor	29 75	
James A. Bancroft, labor	10 75	
C. A. Weston, self and team	81 16	
Henry S. LaClair	75 00	
		$300 00

GUIDE POSTS.

Appropriation		$25 00
C. A. Weston,	$6 50	
Merrill Hutchinson	1 10	
		$7 60
Unexpended		17 40
		$25 00

PRATT STREET.

Appropriation		$100 00
James Ward	$9 62	
David Doucett	8 25	
Simon Dulong	9 62	
S. W. Bowker	34 20	
F. P. Eaton	9 62	
Antonio Enos	8 25	
John Logan	7 00	
Thomas Horn	8 25	
		$94 81
Unexpended		5 19
		$100 00

We herewith present the following list of appropriations which we deem necessary for the proper care and maintenance of streets, walks, and bridges, for the ensuing year:

Highways and bridges	$4000 00
Removing snow	350 00
Concrete sidewalks and edgestones, provided abutters pay one-half	500 00
Concrete gutters and cross walks	300 00
Gould and Green street bridges	200 00
New planks for Mineral street bridge	100 00

For extending Mineral street	200 00
Incidental expenses	300 00
For repairing concrete sidewalks where worn and broken	150 00
For road roller	250 00
For sidewalks	300 00
For building bridge on Brook street	400 00

The total amount of money expended by this department during the past year was seven thousand forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents ($7,041.75), of which a large part was for special localities. The general highway appropriation of thirty seven hundred dollars ($3700.00), spread over our forty-two and one-half miles of streets and sidewalks, leaves a much less amount per mile than most of our neighboring towns expend for the same purpose, but we fully believe that as a whole our streets will compare favorably with our neighbors. The past winter, like the preceding one, has been unusually hard on highways, as generally they get a rest of three months or more ; whereas during the past winter they have received more wear than during several months of dry weather, when they are compact; but owing to frost and moisture they have become rutted and flattened so as to retain water and fill gutters, all of which will require a large amount of labor to remedy that would not have been necessary had the ground been covered with snow.

Our sidewalks have been cared for in the past from the highway money, but we would recommend that we have an appropriation for that purpose, as with the growth of the town they become more extensive. A marked improvement has been made at the corner of Woburn and Linden streets, by placing edgestones and concreting the sidewalk surrounding the Baptist Church. Another, the concrete walk across the Common. Pratt street has been put in shape for travel. The sidewalk has been constructed on Prescott street. Charles street has been widened, and a sidewalk built, and much other similar work. Guideposts have been erected where necessary, and we believe that the close of the year finds the work laid out for us as near complete as the means at our disposal would allow it to be. There is a deficiency of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents ($169.99), bills that

are approved, but as they exceed this year's appropriation by about that amount, they have not been paid.

Last year the County Commissioners ordered Summer avenue and Brooks street rebuilt, and the work is as near completion as practical; but owing to the large amount of rainfall during the year it was not possible to build the bridge on Brooks street on account of high water, and therefore we ask an appropriation for that purpose.

CHARLES A. WESTON,
SAMUEL W. BOWKER,
HENRY S. LaCLAIR,
} Road Commissioners of Reading.

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer,

To cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1889	$3,196 58
" hired money, temporary loan	10,000 00
" cash from County Treasurer, dog tax	414 96
" " " State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,519 30
" " " " " National Bank tax	621 81
" " " " " State Aid, Chap. 252, Acts 1879	43 50
" " " " " " " " 301, " 1879	942 00
" " " " " for support and burial of State paupers,	162 07
" " " Trustees of Cemetery, lots sold	571 00
" " " " " " standing wood sold	104 76
" " " " " " use of hearse	2 00
" " " " " " wood and posts sold	21 37
" " " Road Commissioners, for Prescott street sidewalk	3 50
" " " " " concrete and edgestone account,	409 73
" " " Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson, cemetery gift,	100 00
" " " City of Boston, for support of L. R. Lloyd	12 00
" " " " " " " fire department	29 05
" " " " " Woburn, for support of Charles Hadley	3 38
" " " R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer's license	2 00
" " " Selectmen, from the estate of John R. Dennett	429 00
" " " Town Clerk, license fees	50
" " " Overseers of the Poor, almshouse account	143 05
" " " " " " " pension of Catherine O'Keefe,	144 00
" " " Blackstone Bank, interest on deposits	136 60
" " " Night Watchman, lockup fees	3 00
" " " Arthur W. Temple, executor cemetery bequest	100 00
" " " School Committee, books and supplies sold	32 05
" " " " " from Massachusetts School Fund.	289 96
" " " Fire Department, fuel sold	1 85
" " " " " playpipe sold	7 50
" " " Edward F. Parker, Collector, list of 1887	926 12
" " " " " " for taxes paid after abatement	10 30
" " " Harley Prentiss, Collector, list of 1888	9,102 84
" " " " " " " 1889	34,944 16
" " paid Treasurer on orders drawn	1,041 47
	$65 471 41

ACCOUNT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Balance March 1st, 1889	$379 52
Received of State Treasurer	173 52
	$553 04

in account with the TOWN OF READING. Cr.

By paying State tax		$2,520 00
" " County tax		1,953 64
" " Selectmen's orders		53 561 30
		$58,034 94
" cash in Treasury for cemetery bequests	$1.425 00	
" " " " " paying town debt	1.630 00	
" " " "	4.381 47	
		7.436 47
		$65.471 41

SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for tuition	$252 63	
" " reference books	37 33	
		$289 96
Balance in hands of Treasurer, March 1st, 1890		263 08
		$553 04

EDWARD F. PARKER. *Treasurer.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HARLEY PRENTISS, Collector,

In account with the Town of Reading.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1888	$9,978 46	
" committed tax list of 1889	45,710 40	
" collected interest on 1888 taxes	372 26	
" " " " 1889 "	83 13	
		$56,144 25

Cr.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on 1888 taxes	$9,102 84	
" cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on 1889 taxes	34,944 16	
" uncollected taxes of 1888	1,247 88	
" " " 1889	10,849 37	
		$56,144 25

HARLEY PRENTISS, *Collector.*

Reading, March 18, 1890.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

EDWARD F. PARKER, Collector of Taxes 1887.

Dr.

To taxes collected after abatement, 1885.....	$3 89	
" " " " " 1886.....	3 34	
" " " " " 1887.....	2 00	
" interest on taxes after abatement.....	1 07	
		$10 30
To uncollected taxes of 1887.....	$808 76	
" interest on taxes of 1887.....	117 36	
		926 12
		$936 42

Cr.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, on 1885, 1886 and 1887 taxes.....	$936 42

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Collector for 1887.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1890.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes outstanding March 1, 1889	$31,000 00	
Town notes outstanding March 1, 1890		$30,000 00
Interest accrued on Town notes to March 1		182 72
Due Fire Department, estimated		800 00
Miscellaneous debts, estimated		350 00

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	$100 00	
" Thomas Sweetser	100 00	
" Sabina Nichols	100 00	
" Martha Pike	25 00	
" Sarah Batchelder	25 00	
" George L. Smith	200 00	
" Susan A. Martin	100 00	
" Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman	75 00	
" T. T. Greenwood	500 00	
" Sarah G. Temple	100 00	
" Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson,	100 00	
		1,425 00
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended,		12 75
		$32,770 47

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1888		$1,247 88
" " 1889		10,849 37
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes		352 47
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Corporation tax		207 07
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of State paupers		29 59
Due from City of Woburn		1 79
" " Town of Sherburne		36 00
" " City of Cambridge		34 96
" " Town of Wakefield		2 00
" " State aid account		1,009 50
" " Military aid		92 00
Unexpended balance, School account		263 08
Cash in treasury, Trust Funds	$1,425 00	
Balance of appropriation for Town debt, 1889	1,630 00	
Other cash	4,381 47	
		7,436 47
		$21,562 18
Net debt, March 1, 1890		11,208 29
		$32,770 47
Net debt, March 1, 1889		$17,853 10
" " " 1890		11,208 29
Decrease during year		$6,644 81

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Collector and Treasurer and find them correct.

Of the outstanding notes, $28,000.00 bears interest at 4 per cent., and $2,000.00 bears interest at 3¾ per cent.

One note of $1,000.00 comes due March 1, 1891, and one note of $7,500.00 comes due November 11, 1891.

It is the opinion of the Auditors, that the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen should be kept by one person; and we recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a clerk, part of whose duties it shall be to keep the Town accounts.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
HARRY P. BOSSON, } Auditors.
EDGAR N. HUNT,

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Engineers submit the following report.

The department has been called out eight (8) times since the last report, as follows:

1889.

March 23.—Fire in wood-land, in north-west part of town. Loss, $25.00.

March 24.—Brush fire near John Stock's house. No loss.

April 11.—Fire in wood-land of Dana Parker. No loss.

July 12.—Cow stable belonging to Herbert Nichols. Cause, children playing with matches. Insurance $500; insurance paid, $300. Loss on contents, uninsured, $75.00.

Nov. 28.—Call for assistance from City of Boston.

Nov. 29.—Fire in Black's Block, in store occupied by H. Bancroft. Cause, lamp left burning. Loss $100; insurance paid, $30.

1890.

March 6.—Fire in Black's Block, including six stores and six tenements, and in the adjoining building occupied by M. Hanley. Insurance on buildings, $8900; insurance paid, $8700. The various tenants had an insurance amounting to $4030, on which $3623 has been paid.

Since the last report two (2) fire-alarm boxes have been added; one near the house of Brooks Nichols, and one on the mill of the Bradley Fabric Co., Mr. Derrick kindly furnishing the steam gong with steam-power without any expense to the town. Also about one mile of wire has been run to the school-house, near the estate of Charles Wakefield, a neighborhood very much in need of an alarm box. It has been necessary to have some repairs made

to the steamer, which will probably need no more for several years, except in case of accident.

At the recent fire in Black's Block the urgent need of a better water supply was evident. The supply was so scanty that the position of the steamer had to be changed at a very critical time; and we could only protect the adjoining property — the well at Mr. Proctor's factory furnishing so small a supply that it was possible to utilize only one-half the power of the engine.

The fire apparatus is in very good condition, and only slight repairs will be needed this year. The town has twenty-one hundred feet of fabric hose, which has been in use five years, and which seems as good as new; there are also two thousand (2000) feet of leather hose, rather the worse for wear, but which will do for the hand engines at present.

The force of the department at present consists of one Chief Engineer and three Assistant Engineers; a steamer company of fifteen men; a hand-engine company of fifty men, and a hook and ladder company of fifteen men. Also in the north part of the town is a private fire company, owning a small hand-engine, which will be of great use in case of fire in that region.

It will be seen that by our expenditures we have somewhat overdrawn our regular appropriation. This is due to the fact that some unexpected repairs became necessary, and that several members of the department left town before the year was up, making it necessary to pay them at once; whereas they should have drawn on the next appropriation.

The Board recommends that the same sum of money be raised this year as last, namely, two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, to defray the expenses of the department for the ensuing year.

The Board returns thanks to the members of the department and to the citizens for the assistance rendered the past year.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief.*
WILLIAM L. CROWE, } *Assistants.*
WILMOT PRATT, }
WENDELL BANCROFT, *Clerk.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		$2,350 00
Received from City of Boston		29 05
" " Melrose		7 50
		$2,386 55
Pay roll	$1,152 41	
Wendell Bancroft, fuel, material, and salary	348 10	
Beal & Clement, drawing engine, and expressing,	113 70	
George M. Stevens, material	112 58	
Leonard T. Eames, engineer of steamer	69 00	
Button Fire Engine Co., repairs	63 55	
William Henry Bancroft, steward	60 00	
Edward C. Nichols, salary and duties	60 00	
Henry Stock, janitor	60 00	
Andrew J. Morse & Son, material	42 40	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas	41 99	
Walworth Manufacturing Co., fittings	48 78	
Robert F. Philbrook, engineer of steamer	32 13	
M. A. Stone, sundries	29 80	
A. L. Danforth, steward	27 65	
William L. Crowe, engineer	20 00	
James Dewhurst, engineer	20 00	
Henry Gorus, labor	17 10	
A. Howard Pearsons, carting fuel	15 50	
Tristram Littlefield, labor and material	14 00	
William H. Lowe, materials	11 02	
George W. Ambrose, services	10 16	
Greenleaf S. Tukey, labor	9 80	
Ira Diderware, services	5 83	
Otis W. Smith, services	6 65	
Newell B. Hawes, labor	6 00	
Michael Daley, services	5 17	
Simon Dulong, services	5 17	
P. McCall, services	5 30	
Amount carried forward,	$2413 79	

Amount brought forward,	$2413 79	
William J. Draffin, labor	4 15	
Robert C. Totten, labor	3 25	
Howard Patent Metallic Brush Co., repairs	3 00	
Charles H. Nichols, labor	3 00	
Webster Eames, watching at fire	3 00	
Francis Bros., material	2 41	
H. C. Watson, labor	1 90	
Henry K. Austin, fittings	1 70	
Edward C. Bancroft, services	1 67	
A. S. Skinner, supplies	1 50	
Peter Froton, services	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, labor	1 25	
George D. Putnam, watching at fire	1 25	
A. S. Jackson, material	1 00	
E. McDonald, labor	65	
John A. Blunt, labor	35	
A. G. White, expressing	15	
	$2,445 52	
Overdrawn		58 97
		$2,445 52

FIRE ALARM DEFICIENCY.

Appropriation		$400 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor	$113 88	
L. T. Eames, labor	81 06	
George M. Stevens, labor and supplies	60 29	
Samuel W. Bowker, teaming	49 88	
Samuel Brown, labor	16 00	
Edward C. Nichols, labor	10 00	
Wm. M. Titus, labor	2 60	
Moses E. Nichols, labor	1 99	
		$335 70
Unexpended		64 30
		$400 00

MAIN STREET FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation,		$150 00
George M. Stevens, labor and supplies	$95 89	
O. N. Willis, labor	13 80	
		$109 69
Unexpended		40 31
		$150 00

HANCOCK HOUSE FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation		$250 00
George M. Stevens, labor and supplies	$250 00	

POLICE REPORT.

To the Selectmen of Reading:

Gentlemen — We submit the annual Police report:

Assault	5	Breaking and entering	4
Drunkenness	13	Vagrancy	2
Adultery	3	Liquor nuisance	1
Fornication	1	Insanity	1
Attempt to rape	1	Larceny	1
Sabbath breaking	3	Cruelty to animals	1
Evading fare	2		—
Whole number of arrests			38

Number of tramps lodged during the year:

March	73	September	16
April	58	October	46
May	17	November	72
June	13	December	72
July	4	January	84
August	5	February	54
Total			514

Number of doors found unlocked 15

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY STOCK, } Constables of
CLARENCE J. NICHOLS, } Reading.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report :—

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Appropriation	$450 00	
Amount of dog tax	414 96	
		$864 96

Expenditures :—

L. S. Cox, librarian	$161 40	
Jessie Grouard, assistant	11 90	
J. W. Ripley, binding books	44 90	
N. W. Broad, labor	3 47	
Gertrude Ruggles, services	2 40	
Geo. H. Walker & Co., books	15 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel	10 00	
L. M. Bancroft, insurance	28 13	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing	45 50	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas	43 00	
Rent	180 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	30 00	
Estes & Lauriat, books	281 26	
E. H. Hames & Co., papers	8 00	
		$864 96

FINE ACCOUNT.

Balance, 1888	$63 65	
Received for fines	42 53	
for cards,	5 30	
for catalogues	10 65	
for waste paper	39	
		$122 52
Paid for expressage	$4 90	
incidentals	1 97	
care of rooms	23 82	
books	91 83	
		$122 52

The circulation for the year has been 15,075 volumes. The largest circulation in any single month, was that for November, 1889, namely, 1602 volumes; and the smallest that for July, 1889, 845 volumes. The following volumes have been presented to the library:—

NAME OF DONOR.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES.
U. S. Government	35
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	9
Miss Etta Coggin	3
F. K. Pope	1
J. C. Ayer & Co.	1

During the year a vacancy occurred in the Board of Trustees, by the death of Stephen Foster, Esq., its president. Mr. Foster had long been connected with the library, and was one of its most earnest friends and supporters. By vote of the trustees the following letter was sent to Mrs. Foster, and a copy placed upon record:—

READING, Nov. 14, 1889.

Mrs. Stephen Foster,

Dear Madam:—

At the last meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library, the president and secretary were directed to convey to you our sympathy in your recent bereavement by the death of Mr. Foster. For many years he has been a co-worker with us in behalf of the library, and during the entire time he has never failed in his earnest desire to advance its interests in every possible way. His fidelity as a public officer and his estimable private character were highly appreciated by us and we all have a sense of personal loss now that we no longer have the benefit of his assistance and advice.

The vacancy was filled by the choice of Walter S. Parker, Esq., for the remainder of the year.

The terms of Messrs. Griggs and Barrows expire, making two vacancies to be filled for three years, besides one for the unexpired two years of Mr. Foster's term, now filled by Mr. Parker.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. WADLIN, *Chairman.*
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Sec'y.*
JAMES H. GRIGGS,
HARLEY PRENTISS,
C. D. THOMAS,
WALTER S. PARKER,
Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR 1889--90.

School Committee.

Horace G. Wadlin	Term expires 1890
Walter S. Parker	" " 1890.
Gilman L. Parker	" " 1891.
Warren E. Eaton	" " 1891.
Edward F. Parker	" " 1892.
Cyrus M. Barrows	" " 1892.

Truant Officers.

Henry Stock. Clarence J. Nichols.

Organization of the Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.* G. L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School, { W. S. PARKER, H. G. WADLIN, G. L. PARKER.

Eighth Class Grammar, W. E. EATON.
Seventh Class Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.
Sixth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.
Fifth Class Grammar, E. F. PARKER.
Fourth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.
Third Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.
Second Class Primary, W. S. PARKER.
First Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.
Chestnut Hill Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.
" " Primary, C. M. BARROWS.
Prospect St. Grammar, W. E. EATON.
" " Primary, W. E. EATON.
Lowell St. School, E. F. PARKER.
Main St. School, E. F. PARKER.
Haverhill St. School, C. M. BARROWS.

Prudential Committee and Committee on Supplies, { E. F. PARKER. C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Text Books, { W. S. PARKER, G. L. PARKER, C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Music, { G. L. PARKER. W. S. PARKER.

In accordance with the law and custom, the Committee respectfully submit the following report:

The general condition of the schools has not materially changed during the year. We are compelled to report several changes in our corps of teachers.

Miss Lilla A. Morrill resigned at the close of the year, in June, 1889. She was succeeded by Miss Mary G. Heald, who remained in the school but a few weeks, and was succeeded by Miss Alice Barrows, who was transferred from the Seventh Grade Grammar, where she had won the love and respect of her pupils. The vacancy made by her transfer, was filled by the appointment of Miss Carrie E. Kelsea. No other change has been necessary in the schools at the centre of the town.

Miss Damon, of the Haverhill Street School, received a call at more advanced pay in Rockland, Mass., and resigned in September, and Miss Winifred Emerson, of the Main Street School, was transferred to fill the vacancy. Miss Grace G. Berry was elected to the Main Street School. In these schools the changes were made without loss of much time to the schools.

At the Chestnut Hill School, the resignation of the teacher in the Grammar grade was so sudden, and the Committee on that school notified so late Saturday, that the school was closed for a few days. The Committee were fortunate, however, in procuring the services of an experienced teacher, Miss Ada M. Gordon, of Maine, a graduate ot the Gorham Normal School.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has been fortunate in the fact that no change has been made in the corps of instructors.

Both assistants have had opportunities to go elsewhere, at advanced salaries, but have decided to remain in Reading at present.

The school, we believe to be in a good healthy condition, morally, mentally and physically. The standard of scholarship has been raised, good order and discipline maintained. Pupils who have attained to the age of those in our High School, ought to have self-respect enough to conform readily to all reasonable requirements without external force of any kind.

Public opinion in our High School should be of such an elevated character, that it would frown down any of the petty annoyances frequent in lower grades.

The school is now working on the full four years' course. The graduating class of 1889 was the last class under the three years' course.

The classification of the school, under the different courses marked out by the course of study, has necessitated the employment of extra help in the work. One of the former graduates, Herbert C. Barrows, has aided very acceptably and efficiently in some of the branches of study.

The philosophical apparatus ought to be replenished, and many new pieces added to the set. New encyclopædias and other reference books ought to be supplied. The funds received from the course of entertainments given by the school have been expended in books that were very much needed.

MILITARY DRILL AND CALISTHENICS.

We report confidently that progress has been made in these important branches of physical culture. The girls have more erect forms, greater expanse of chest, and more graceful carriage, the boys a more soldierly bearing and steadiness of movement, the officers greater self-control in command, the cadets more promptness in executing orders. With the small increased appropriation, we shall be enabled to furnish some of the equipments necessary to carry this branch of study to a higher degree of efficiency. Thus

far the cadets have, by their own exertions, furnished instruction and arms. They have solicited from a few of our generous citizens, funds that should have been furnished from the general appropriations.

FLAGS.

Every school has been supplied with the Stars and Stripes, either through their own exertions or the liberality of patriotic citizens. Flagstaffs have not been furnished. We hope to provide suitable poles during the coming year. It is hoped that the patriotic sentiment aroused during the past year by the agitation on the national banner will not die out.

The custom adopted by many schools of celebrating annually Washington's birthday and also the birthday of that great man who so fitly represented the plain common people of the republic, Abraham Lincoln, is commended as a custom to be rigidly observed. The history of our country is rich with illustrious names and heroic deeds. We know of no more effective way for the pupils to catch the spirit of our republican institutions, than by the inspiration engendered through the knowledge of the lives of our eminent statesmen, renowned scholars and ablest generals.

We trust that time will but strengthen the love and deepen the respect that all Americans must and ought to have towards those eminent men who were the architects of our government, and later, those who were, in the hand of Providence, instrumental in perpetuating the glorious heritage.

It yet remains for us, their descendants, to forever keep pure and sacred the principles they inculcated and to imitate their examples.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommend that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,300 for regular school expenses, which includes teachers' salaries, fuel and care of buildings. They also recom-

mend that $1900 be raised and appropriated for incidental school expenses, including the purchase of text-book supplies, and that $125 be raised and appropriated for the purchase and erection of suitable flagstaffs, halyards, etc., for all the school buildings.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Two vacancies in the Committee are to be filled at the ensuing Town meeting. The terms of Messrs. Horace G. Wadlin and Walter S. Parker expire.

Adopted in School Committee, Mar. 14, 1890.

WALTER S. PARKER,
HORACE G. WADLIN,
EDWARD F. PARKER,
WARREN E. EATON,
GILMAN L. PARKER,
CYRUS M. BARROWS.

Table Showing Salaries, Attendance, and Number of Visitors.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No of Visitors.	TEACHERS NOW EMPLOYED.	SALARIES NOW PAID.	Average Membership			Average Attendance.			Pupils during yr. over 15 years.	Pupils during yr. under 5 years
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School	29	Wilson R. Butler, Principal	$1550 00 per year.	84	86	80	80	81	78	65	..
		Miss Olive A. Prescott, 1st Assistant	600 00 "								
		Miss Carrie E, Berry, 2nd Assistant	500 00 "								
		Frederick E. Chapman, Instructor Music.	400 00 "								
Eighth Class Grammar	74	Miss Alice Barrows	500 00 "	44	46	43	42	44	39	11	..
Seventh Class Grammar	65	Miss Carrie F. Kelsea	500 00 "	44	46	46	43	44	43	3	..
Sixth Class Grammar	50	Miss Annie F. Merriam	12 00 per week.	30	33	31	28	31	30	..	..
Fifth Class Grammar	71	Miss Kate L. Beard	10 00 "	36	34	34	33	32	31	..	..
Fourth Class Grammar	82	Miss Edith J. Holden	10 00 "	32	41	38	31	40	36	..	..
Third Class Primary	82	Miss Mary W. Howard	11 00 "	42	43	42	39	39	36	..	..
Second Class Primary	71	Miss Elnora A. Emerson	10 00 "	39	32	30	35	30	26	..	..
First Class Primary	216	Miss Ruth L. Pratt	12 00 "	70	52	53	60	47	41	..	..
		Miss Annie B. Parker, Substitute	9 00 "								
Chestnut Hill Grammar	50	Miss Ida M. Gordon	10 00 "	22	28	25	20	26	24	..	..
Chestnut Hill Primary	70	Miss Annie P. Reid	8 00 "	38	28	27	34	25	22	..	..
Prospect St. Grammar	78	Miss M. Fannie Wilson	11 00 "	32	34	34	31	32	29	..	..
Propect St. Primary	90	Miss Addie M. Bancroft	8 00 "	34	34	35	32	31	32	.	..
Lowell St. Mixed	69	Miss A. Olive Pearson	10 00 "	31	32	31	29	30	28	..	..
Main St. Mixed	38	Miss Grace W. Berry	6 00 "	10	14	16	10	12	13	..	..
Haverhill St. Mixed	38	Miss Winifred Emerson	8 00 "	25	21	19	23	19	17	2	..
	1173			613	604	584	570	563	525	81	

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading, (1885)	3,539
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1889	614
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May, 1889	372
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms	$9,800 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals	1,800 00
Unexpended balance of appropriations for repairs at Chestnut Hill School, (1888)	55 72
Amount from books and supplies sold	32 05
Amount drawn from Massachusetts School Fund	289 96
Total receipts	$11,977 73

Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms	$10,052 63	
Expended for text books and supplies	854 11	
Expended for incidentals	1,070 99	
Total expenditures	$11,977 73	

PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year	729
Average membership of all the schools	600
Average attendance in all the schools during the year	553
Percentage of attendance, based on average membership	92
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory age)	405
Number of pupils admitted to the High School	39

Age of youngest pupil admitted, 12 years 9 months.
Age of oldest pupil admitted, 16 years 11 months.
Average age of pupils admitted, 14 years 6 months.

TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed	1
Number of female teachers employed	17
Average wages per month of female teachers.....	$42 32
Number of teachers who have attended Normal Schools....	11
Number of teachers who have graduated from Normal Schools,	10

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE, 1889.

Four Years' Course.

Herbert Cyrus Barrows.

Three Years' Course.

John Martin Cummings,
Joseph Dwight Lewis,
Richard Bettinson Lewis,
Mabel Frances Bancroft,
Alice May Damon,
Annie Augusta Dewey,
Gertrude Olive Foss,
Lucy Wellington Roby,
Bertha Mason Stott,
Harriet Lydia Weston,
Mary Bent Wilson.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1889, and the schools to which they belong.

High School.

*Grace D. Sweetser,
Wilfred A. Bancroft,
Harry E. Eames,
Lena W. Barrus,
Ella M. Hunt,
Ardell P. Temple,
Marion K. Dewey,
†Emma E. Totten.

Eighth Class Grammar.

Edith L. Swain,
Marion T. Pratt,
Linnie L. Thayer.

Seventh Class Grammar.

†Annie M. Martin, †Edgar O. Dewey.

Sixth Class Grammar.

Charles Goldthwait, †Charles F. Perry.

Fifth Class Grammar.

†Roy E. Parker, William O. Davis.

Fourth Class Grammar.

Lucy A. Danforth, †S. Quincy P. Brown,
William S. Badger.

Third Class Primary.

Florence B. Allen.

Second Class Primary.

†Harry C. Barr, Alma N. Damon,
Edward F. Parker, Stanley F. Parker.

First Class Primary.

Henry M. Allen, John P. Hardy.

Chestnut Hill Grammar.

Joseph Weston, †Robert B. Weston.

Prospect Street Grammar.

Mabel F. Platts, Grace A. Platts.

Main Street School.

Cora Nichols, Edwin Killam.

Haverhill Street School.

Emma E. Wakefield, John J. Wakefield.

Lowell Street School.

Blanche P. Washburn.

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* Neither absent nor tardy for six years.
† Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

EXPENDED FOR JANITORS.

Center School Buildings	$399 00	
Prospect Street Building	114 00	
Chestnut Hill "	57 00	
Lowell Street "	36 00	
Main Street "	28 50	
Haverhill Street "	38 00	
		$672 50

EXPENDED FOR FUEL.

C. L. Martin, for coal	$51 25	
Wendell Bancroft, for coal	718 27	
L. J. Walker, for wood	56 48	
Howard W. Batchelder, for wood	18 50	
D. E. Cox, for wood	12 00	
		$856 50
William Ellis, labor on wood	$2 50	
Howard W. Batchelder, labor on wood	5 00	
Charles F. Bessom, " " "	6 00	
Eben Beard, " " "	3 00	
		$16 50

EXPENDED FOR TEACHING.

High School,	$2,605 00
Eighth Class Grammar,	513 69
Seventh " "	460 94
Sixth " "	456 00
Fifth " "	380 00
Fourth " "	380 00
Amount carried forward,	$4795 63

Amount brought forward,	$4795 63	
Third Class Primary	422 00	
Second " "	380 00	
First " "	404 40	
Chestnut Hill Grammar	319 00	
Chestnut " Primary	304 00	
Prospect Street Grammar	418 00	
Prospect " Primary	284 80	
Lowell " Mixed	324 00	
Main " "	228 00	
Haverhill " "	304 00	
Music Teacher	323 30	
		$8,507 13
Total		$10,052 63
Appropriation	$9,800 00	
Drawn from Massachusetts School Fund	252 63	
		$10,052 63

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett	$57 28
A. C. Stockin	56 78
Harper Brothers	55 25
George F. King & Merrill	70 10
D. C. Heath & Co.	29 20
George S. Perry	25 15
Thompson, Brown & Co.	29 49
Lee & Shepard	34 53
A. S. Barnes & Co.	23 57
William Ware & Co.	65 98
Clark & Maynard	4 80
Harrison Hume	47 27
George Frost	1 00
Pulsifer, Jordan & Pfaff	25 00
Boston School Supply Co.	5 47
Charles H. Kilborn	8 00
Amount carried forward,	$538 87

Amount brought forward,	$538 87	
Carter, Carter & Kilham	1 48	
Educational Supply Co.	6 88	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	31 03	
D. Appleton & Co.	16 25	
Educational Publishing Co.	7 50	
Iverson, Blakeman & Co.	21 00	
F. M. Ambrose	15 24	
W. R. Butler	5 30	
George P. Smith	1 10	
Ginn & Co.	170 81	
Thomas Hall	38 65	
		$854 11

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Arthur J. Davis, labor	$1 00
Wm. H. Twombly & Sons, printing	1 50
N. W. Broad, labor and material	218 60
Murphy & Levens, brushes and dusters	18 68
Edward F. Parker, 2 gongs	6 00
William H. Wightman, insurance	33 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing	22 00
D. C. Sanborn, labor	1 75
H. L. Cummings, teaming	75
Jerry Flint, plastering and whitening	19 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	51 97
Old South M. E. Society, use of church	20 00
H. F. Miller Piano Co., use of piano	8 00
Michael Quinlan, labor and material	39 00
G. S. Tukey, new pump	21 00
Patrick Conley, labor	6 00
H. K. Austin, repairs on furnaces	3 40
B. & M. R. R., freight	1 38
Albert B. Franklin, furnace grates	24 00
Moses E. Nichols, painting	171 35
Beal & Clement, express	2 25
Amount carried forward,	$670 63

Amount brought forward,	$670 63	
R. L. Beers, labor	12 45	
Howard W. Batchelder, labor	1 00	
Howard W. Batchelder, rent of land	5 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, agent, insurance	24 00	
H. C. Watson, labor and material	11 32	
A. G. Whitcomb, school furniture	64 20	
H. M. Wiswall, repairing blackboards	2 50	
Lang's express	13 30	
C. T. Robinson, bell wheel	4 00	
G. W. Atkinson, pails	1 15	
J. C. Cook, painting	15 04	
Charles F. Bessom, labor	50	
Francis Brothers, labor and material	42 13	
John H. Bancroft, labor	50	
Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas	11 00	
Reading Planing Mills, umbrella stands	11 00	
David C. Temple, labor	50	
Laton W. Bryant, labor	10 50	
M. A. Stone, supplies	7 10	
David Pratt, labor	10 00	
W. R. Butler, supplies	3 17	
Edward F. Parker, agent, for books and supplies from March 1, 1888, to March 1, 1890	150 00	
		$1070 99
		$1925 10

Appropriation	$1800 00	
Books and supplies sold	32 05	
Balance from Chestnut Hill, 1889	55 72	
Drawn from Massachusetts School Fund	37 33	
		$1925 10
Books and supplies in hands of Agent		$105 08

TOWN WARRANT.

1890.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the seventh day of April, A.D. 1890, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collectors, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery, and Auditors.

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Road Commissioner for three years; also on separate ballot, two members of the School Committee for three years; also on separate ballots to bring in their votes in

answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"—each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and see what instructions you will give said officers.

ART. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairs of highways and bridges, removing ice and snow, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, State and military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of the police, cemetery, public library, soldiers' graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt, deficiencies and miscellaneous expenses.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will employ nightwatchmen the ensuing year, how much money they will raise for the purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edgestones, the ensuing year, provided the abutters pay one-half the expense of laying the same.

ART. 9. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

ART. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the care of the town clock on the Old South M. E. Church for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase the vacant lots between the cemetery and Federal street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for edgestones and concrete sidewalks around the Centre Primary School building.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to paint and repair the Almshouse.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to purchase a road roller.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate four hundred dollars to build a bridge across Brook street, or what they will do.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Assessors to print the valuation list of 1890, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the payment of the same.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to grade and build a sidewalk on Linden street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to lay a concrete sidewalk with edgestones on the northerly side of Woburn street, from Ash street to the railroad, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the purpose.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to grade and concrete a sidewalk on the westerly side of Main street, from Minot street to the railroad, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to finish the sidewalk commenced last year on Charles street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of extending the sidewalk on High street, from J. W. Manning's nursery to the Lowell street school-house.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for concrete gutters and cross-walks.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars, to repair John street, from Green street to Salem street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will build a new culvert across Green street, a few rods from High street, or take any other measures for removing the water which naturally flows across the location of said Green street, and determine how much money shall be raised and appropriated for the purpose.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to lower the drain pipe that leads from the house of Patrick Devaney on Main street, to the brook that runs through the land of Moses Morse, and also lower the brook that runs through the land of said Moses Morse, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build an engine house for the use of the Fountain Engine Company Number Three, on North Main street, the same to be expended under the direction of the Board of Fire Engineers and a Committee from the Fountain Engine Company, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to place a fire alarm box at the junction of Charles and Haverhill streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the extension of the bridge at the corner of Avon and Main streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will authorize the proper officers to lay out and build a sidewalk from West street to the residence of Needham Nichols on the southerly side of Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to appoint a clerk, whose duty shall be to keep a correct record of all meetings of the Board, and all moneyed accounts of the Town.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will raise the pay of the firemen to fifty cents per hour, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Road Commissioners to put in concrete cross-walks on Lincoln and Arlington streets, at Woburn street.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will instruct the Road Commissioners to repair the concrete sidewalks whenever needed.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will erect and maintain two street lights on Temple street between the bend in said street and Summer avenue.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on or near the corner of Pleasant and Middle streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will erect and maintain two new street lights, one to be between Warren avenue and Washington street, the other two hundred and fifty feet north of Main street, on Minot street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a light on High street, opposite Wendell Bancroft's coal-shed; also one at the corner of High and Mt. Vernon streets.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on Lincoln street, midway between Woburn street and the Boston and Main station.

ART. 41. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners on extending Mineral street from Summer avenue to Prospect street.

ART. 42. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners in relation to guide posts.

ART. 43. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names for Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-sixth day of March, A.D. 1890.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,
STILLMAN M. PRATT,
} *Selectmen of Reading.*

A true copy—Attest:

Constable.

LIST OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, have prepared the following list of persons who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors, and respectfully submit the same for the action of the Town:

Atkinson, George H.
Austin, Henry K.
Bancroft, Frederick
Bancroft, Moses
Barrows, Cyrus M.
Bassett, Edwin
Batchelder, Howard W.
Blood, Edwin W.
Boyce, George A.
Brown, Henry M.
Canty, John D.
Coney, Charles S.
Cook, Walter F.
Davis, William W.
Damon, George H.
Deadman, Henry
Eaton John H.
Eames, Charles B.
Eames, Paul R.
Eames, Rufus C.
Emerson, Arthur G.
Griggs, James H.
Gleason, Junius I.
Hatch, Frederick W.
Harrington, Edward B.
Killam, Joseph W.
Knight, Erastus
Foss, Jacob K.
Jones, Oren N.
Lovejoy, Eugene L.
McKay, James
Meader, George C.
Nichols, Henry D.
Nichols, Richard B.
Parker, Frank
Parker, Henry F.
Parker, Stillman E.
Perkins, William H.
Pratt, Charles T.
Pratt, Harland P.
Putnam, George L.
Sanborn, Daniel C.
Sargent, George A.
Sawyer, Addison A.
Smith, Benjamin Y.
Stoodley, Nathan D.
Temple, Arthur W.
Twombly, Willie E.
Wardsworth, George F.
Weston, Charles A.
Whelton, David
Wight, Ephraim
Wightman, William H.
Young, Samuel C.

HORACE L. CUMMINGS,
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,
STILLMAN M. PRATT.
} *Selectmen of Reading.*

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